

Huron-Manistee National Forests
05 Ohio State University Jack Pine Regeneration Research Project
Mio and Tawas Ranger Districts
June, 2011

The Huron-Manistee National Forests received a request from Ohio State University to use National Forest System (NFS) land to conduct a research project on the structural characteristics of naturally regenerated jack pine on the Mio and Tawas Ranger Districts. The project includes measuring forest stand characteristics and taking soil samples on from jack pine stands that regenerated naturally after wildfire, prescribed fire, or harvesting events on an area 200 acres or larger. Data collection will be conducted from June through October, 2011. Areas included in the project are located within the burn perimeters of: Aspen Alley, Best Dressed, Briggs Road, Hageman Road, Happy Hardwood, Hughes Lake, Kinsey hunt, Mack Lake, Meridian Boundary, Mushroom, Powerline, River Road, and rollways, and within the Snow Bunting Timber Sale. Areas that are currently occupied by Kirtland's warbler will be excluded.

If allowed a temporary special use permit would be issued for the project for a period of one year. They have also requested the Special Use Fee be waived and the authorization be issued "Free Use" in accordance with 36 Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) 251.57(b)(3) because "the holder provides without charge, or at a reduced charge, a valuable benefit to the public or to the programs of the secretary". The benefit provided is resource information on jack pine management.

If you have any comments or additional information regarding this project please contact Pat Thompson, at the Mio Ranger District, 107 McKinley Road, Mio, Michigan 48647, (989) 826-3252, TTY - (989) 826-3592.